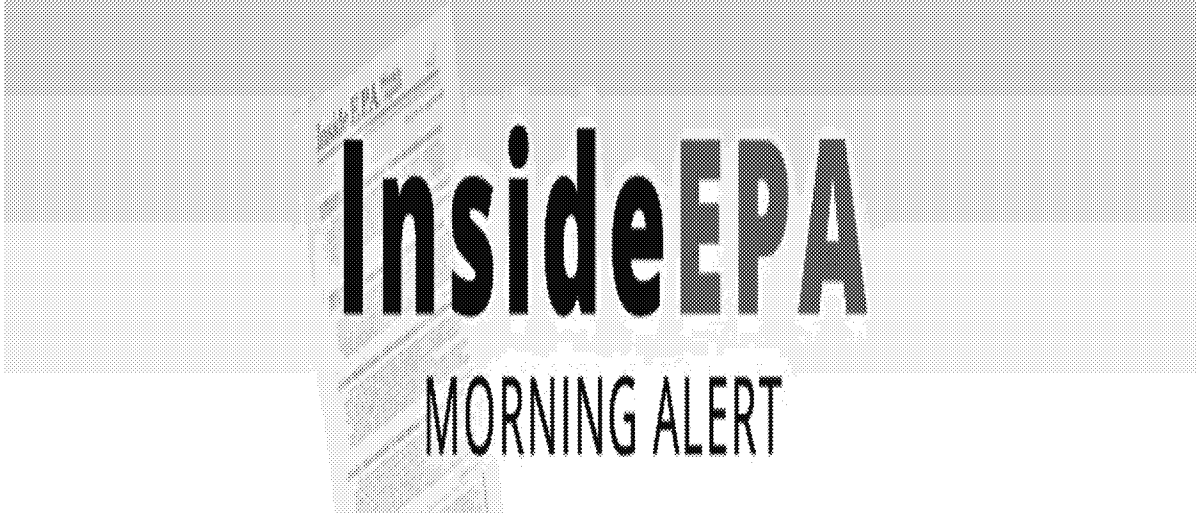


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Previewing Hearing, Environmentalists Fault EPA Coal Ash Rule Revisions

Environmentalists are previewing their testimony for an EPA hearing next week on the agency's planned revisions to its coal ash disposal rule, warning that the changes would increase risks to children's health by removing a mandate to protect sensitive subpopulations and harm communities by ending a requirement to quickly clean up ash spills.

Compliance Costs Create Dilemma For Wehrum's Bid To Kill Utility MACT

ORLANDO, FL -- EPA air chief William Wehrum is acknowledging that he faces a dilemma over whether to grant calls from utilities and others to scrap the regulatory justification for the Obama-era utility air toxics rule as a "satisfying" move, or retain it as even some of its staunchest industry critics have spent millions in compliance costs.

EPA's Chloroform Study Plan Raises Queries Over Reach Of IRIS Reviews

Introducing their plan to science advisors last September, Bahadori's presentation slides explained that chloroform has a "small evidence base" and the plan is to conduct a "targeted update to address Agency need." EPA's Superfund, air and Region 4 offices expressed a specific need for an inhalation reference value for chloroform, the documents say.

CSB Asks Appellate Court To Back Broad Subpoena On 'Potential' Releases

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's (CSB) is asking a federal appellate court to grant it broad power to subpoena documents related to "potential" releases at facilities where it is investigating industrial incidents, a move that a major refiner is resisting, charging it amounts to an unlawful expansion of the board's powers.

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IG to investigate Pruitt security on personal travel

This investigation will be separate from probes already under way into Pruitt's travel and security detail, "so as not to delay the completion of our ongoing work in those areas," EPA's IG says.

States criticize EPA's efforts to 'delay' CWA jurisdiction rule suit

Seven GOP-led states are pushing back against EPA's latest attempt to block substantive litigation over the 2015 Clean Water Act jurisdiction rule.

Democratic senators block ballast provision

Democratic senators have blocked a controversial provision that would remove EPA's Clean Water Act regulation of ships' ballast water.

ALA ties ozone spike to global warming

The American Lung Association is using its annual 'state of the air' report to call for action to protect Obama-era Clean Air Act rules from attacks by Congress and EPA.

Federal judge sends utility ELG delay suit to appeals court

The judge's order ends a lower court suit over the Trump EPA's delay of the Obama-era power plant effluent rule and shifts focus to a pending appeals court case.

Ewire: Mulvaney pledges probe of Pruitt's spending

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EPA GHG inventory sees 2.5 percent drop in 2016

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